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Congressional News:

- Full House Votes to Appropriate \$85 Million for **State Wildlife Grants** Senate Appropriators Provide \$72.5 M for State Wildlife Grants
- Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) was presented with an award from the Teaming with Wildlife Coalition for her leadership in **championing federal funding** for fish and wildlife in her climate change bill, the Electric Utility Cap and Trade Act of 2007 (**S. 317**) . This bill recognizes that fish and wildlife face a mounting threat from climate change and provides state fish and wildlife agencies with funding to create healthier, more robust wildlife populations and habitats that will be better able to adapt to climate change as an additional stress.
- Congressman Grijalva introduces **wildlife border plan** (see HR 2593)

Congressional Legislation

Totals

House Bills: 8
Senate Bills: 7
Total: 15

Lists

- **Spotlight – Bills of Interest**
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Spotlight

H.R.2593

Title: To secure and conserve Federal public lands and natural resources along the international land borders of the United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] (introduced 6/6/2007) **Cosponsors** (11)

Latest Major Action: 6/14/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

Moving

H.R.658

Title: To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements to protect natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of units of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Porter, Jon C. [NV-3] (introduced 1/24/2007) Cosponsors (4)

Related Bills: S.241

Latest Major Action: 6/26/2007 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 235.

Jan 24, 2007 ☒ Introduced

Jun 26, 2007 ☒ Scheduled for Debate

Mar 19, 2007 ☒ Passed House

- ☐ Voted on in Senate

- ☐ Signed by President

H.R.767

Title: To protect, conserve, and restore native fish, wildlife, and their natural habitats at national wildlife refuges through cooperative, incentive-based grants to control, mitigate, and eradicate harmful nonnative species, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Kind, Ron [WI-3] (introduced 1/31/2007) Cosponsors (14)

Latest Major Action: 6/21/2007 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

Jan 31, 2007 ☒ Introduced

- ☐ Scheduled for Debate
- ☐ Voted on in House
- ☐ Voted on in Senate
- ☐ Signed by President

H.R.2337

Title: To promote energy policy reforms and public accountability, alternative energy and efficiency, and carbon capture and climate change mitigation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Rahall, Nick J., II [WV-3] (introduced 5/16/2007) Cosponsors (7)

Latest Major Action: 6/13/2007 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 26 - 22.

May 16, 2007 ☒ Introduced

Jun 13, 2007 ☒ Scheduled for Debate

- ☐ Voted on in House
- ☐ Voted on in Senate
- ☐ Signed by President

Status Quo

S.86

Title: A bill to designate segments of Fossil Creek, a tributary to the Verde River in the State of Arizona, as wild and scenic rivers.

Sponsor: Sen McCain, John [AZ] (introduced 1/4/2007) **Cosponsors** (1) J. Kyle

Related Bills: H.R.199

Latest Major Action: 1/4/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.272

Title: A bill to amend Public Law 87-383 to reauthorize appropriations to promote the conservation of migratory waterfowl and to offset or prevent the serious loss of important wetland and other waterfowl habitat essential to the preservation of migratory waterfowl, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Coleman, Norm [MN] (introduced 1/11/2007) **Cosponsors** (None)

Latest Major Action: 1/11/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.300

Title: A bill to authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Kyl, Jon [AZ] (introduced 1/16/2007) **Cosponsors** (3)

Latest Major Action: 1/16/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.317

Title: A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a program to regulate the emission of greenhouse gases from electric utilities.

Sponsor: Sen Feinstein, Dianne [CA] (introduced 1/17/2007) **Cosponsors** (1)

Related Bills: H.R.620

Latest Major Action: 1/17/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.408

Title: A bill to recognize the heritage of hunting and provide opportunities for continued hunting on Federal public land.

Sponsor: Sen Chambliss, Saxby [GA] (introduced 1/26/2007) **Cosponsors** (6)

Latest Major Action: 1/26/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. 658

Title: A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to improve the process for listing, recovery planning, and delisting, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Thomas, Craig [WY] (introduced 2/16/2007) **Cosponsors** (5)

Latest Major Action: 2/16/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S. 700

Title: A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide a tax credit to individuals who enter into agreements to protect the habitats of endangered and threatened species, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Crapo, Mike [ID] (introduced 2/28/2007) **Cosponsors** (16)

Related Bills: H.R.1422

Latest Major Action: 2/28/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S. 725

Title: A bill to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to reauthorize and improve that Act.

Sponsor: Sen Levin, Carl [MI] (introduced 3/1/2007) **Cosponsors** (2)

Latest Major Action: 3/1/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R.199

Title: To designate segments of Fossil Creek, a tributary to the Verde River in the State of Arizona, as wild and scenic rivers.

Sponsor: Rep Renzi, Rick [AZ-1] (introduced 1/4/2007) **Cosponsors** (3) Franks, Grijalva, Pastor

Related Bills: S.86

Latest Major Action: 2/7/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

H.R.620

Title: To accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by establishing a market-driven system of greenhouse gas tradeable allowances that will limit greenhouse gas emissions in the United States, reduce dependence upon foreign oil, and ensure benefits to consumers from the trading in such allowances, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Olver, John W. [MA-1] (introduced 1/22/2007) **Cosponsors** (112)

Related Bills: S.280, S.317

Latest Major Action: 2/7/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans.

H.R.764

Title: To expand the boundary of Saguaro National Park, to study additional land for future adjustments to the boundary of the Park, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] (introduced 1/31/2007) **Cosponsors** (1) G, Giffords

Latest Major Action: 2/7/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

H.R.1179

Title: To clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Interior with regard to management of elk in Rocky Mountain National Park.

Sponsor: Rep Udall, Mark [CO-2] (introduced 2/16/2007) **Cosponsors** (1) Rep Gordon, Bart [TN-6] - 5/2/2007

Related Bills: S.684, S.917 (S. 684 identifies Theodore Roosevelt NP)

Latest Major Action: 2/26/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

HR 2262

Title: To modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands, consistent with the principles of self-initiation of mining claims, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Rahall, Nick J., II [WV-3] (introduced 5/10/2007) **Cosponsors** (15)

Latest Major Action: 5/18/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

H.R.2550

Title: To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to recreational vessels.

Sponsor: Rep Taylor, Gene [MS-4] (introduced 5/24/2007) **Cosponsors** (14)

Latest Major Action: 5/24/2007 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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